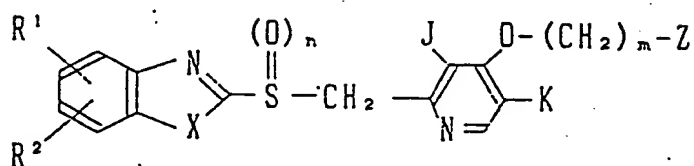


What is claimed is:

1. A pyridine derivative represented by the general formula:



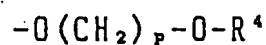
wherein R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different from each other and each stand for a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogenated lower alkyl, lower alkoxy carbonyl or carboxyl group or a halogen atom;

X stands for a group represented by the formula:

$$\begin{array}{c} -O-, -S- \text{ or } -N- \\ | \\ R^3 \end{array}$$
 (wherein R^3 stands for a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl, phenyl, benzyl or lower alkoxy carbonyl group);

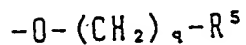
Z stands for

① a group represented by the general formula:



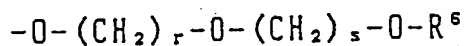
wherein p stands for an integer of 1 to 3
and R^4 stands for a hydrogen atom or a lower
alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group,

- ② a group represented by the general formula:



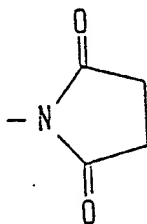
wherein q stands for an integer of 1 to 3
and R^5 stands for a halogen atom or an
alkoxycarbonyl, aryl or heteroaryl group,

- ③ a group represented by the general formula:

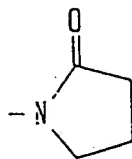


wherein r and s each stand for an integer
of 1 to 5 and R^6 stands for a hydrogen atom
or a lower alkyl group,

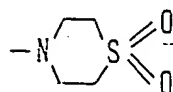
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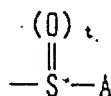
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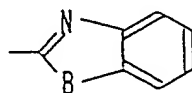
- ⑥ a group represented by the formula:



- ⑦ a group represented by the general formula:



wherein t stands for an integer of 0 to 2
and A stands for a group represented by the
general formula:



(wherein B stands for a group represented
by the formula: -NH-, -O- or -S-), a lower
alkyl, alkoxycarbonylmethyl, pyridyl or
furyl group or a group represented by the
general formula: